



### Welcome back to school!

For some of you, this is your first term with us at Poole High School, but for all of us it's a new start. You are all starting new academic years, and we are all, staff included, starting school in rather different conditions than we have ever had before!

One thing we all know: there has never been a year like this. Another thing I know: reading can help you escape reality; travel without leaving home; make new friends no matter how distant we have to be at the moment, and amazingly, reading can also make you more 'clever' as it develops your knowledge of our history, community, society and perhaps, our future prospects.

I look forward to sharing my knowledge and passion about all things books and reading with you throughout this year. Happy reading from me and the school team.

*Mrs Mowlam*

School Literacy Lead

### Remember!

All main school students are required to have a personal reading book as part of their essential school equipment. This is particularly important this year as we cannot loan books to students because of Covid-19 'year bubble' arrangements.



### Reviews!

## The Castle of Tangled Magic

by Sophie Anderson

I was lucky enough to get an advanced copy of this book via the publishers during lockdown. Thirteen-year-old Olia, steps through a magical doorway and discovers another land. A land tangled by magic, where hope is lost, and a scheming wizard holds all the power. Can Olia find her bravery and save those she loves?

★★★★★ from me; highly recommend.

Publication date: 01/10/20

Also highly recommended: After the War by Tom Palmer, also ★★★★★ !

**Recent discovery:** a free online publication for young people, also requesting contributions from keen young writers!

<https://www.libreture.com/library/kevin/book/issue-1-autumn-2020-paperbound-magazine1-compressed-1/>

# R E A D I N G M A T T E R S

### READING FOR PLEASURE:

#### WHERE TO FIND BOOKS

### WHILST SCHOOL IS OPERATING UNDER COVID YEAR GROUP 'BUBBLE' GUIDANCE.

Most book-sellers in the independent sector have re-opened. Online ordering is being honoured quickly. Libraries and charity shops have re-opened under Covid guidance too.

In order to help you source books in the most suitable and affordable way for you, here are some suggestions.

1. BCP libraries have re-opened (check library web pages for opening hours, and borrowing arrangements).
2. BorrowBox – free to borrow audiobooks available from your local library. The app is free to download and very easy to use. Free here: <https://www.borrowbox.com/>, but also has apps in Apple or Google Play Store.
3. Amazon (including Kindle): online sales are operating as normal at present (09/09/20) and books can also be bought pre-loved at cheaper prices. However they also have free, and chargeable, books available on Kindle. You do not need a Kindle to use these, you can read via 'Cloud Reader' for Kindle: <https://read.amazon.ca/>
4. Charity shops – these are an invaluable resource for those who want to buy books (and a favourite place of mine!) – they're often under £1 per book.
5. Short stories can be a brilliant way to kick-start your interest in reading again. Try <https://www.storystar.com/> for a range of short stories, with a search function, written by both professional writers and keen enthusiasts.
6. Don't know where to start? Try using <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> to help you choose your next great read.
7. Another site whose entire purpose is to support a love of reading for young people: <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/genre/14/13-plus-readers.html>.
8. YouTube – search teenage or young adult audiobooks.

If you prefer non-fiction, try looking at <https://sciencejournalforkids.org/> - hundreds of science articles written for young people.